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COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GDR BUILDING PROGRAM (2 pp; Germany, [REDACTED])

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The report, dated [REDACTED] consists of two typewritten pages. Although the report is superficial, it gives some information on the public housing construction program and observations about police (military) projects in the GDR.

The report notes that the building plan faces a complete collapse. By 1 August 1951 only 32 percent of the plan had been fulfilled instead of the planned 62 percent. A special committee has been set up to determine the causes for this nonfulfillment and to take appropriate action. The lowest plan fulfillment has been reported by Rostock and Stralsund. The nonfulfillment in Wismar is relatively small, caused mainly by a lumber shortage. The lumber is needed to build police buildings, a great number of which are being built in Wismar.

In connection with the building program, the report gives some military information. The section of Peenemuende near the entrance to the former V-2 experimental station continues to be blocked off by airforce guard units. All V-2 installations on the surface have been razed; however, the railroad line which served the experimental station is intact and is even being repaired. The airfield is in operation and is occupied by a Soviet airforce unit of approximately 1,000 men. The nearby power plant which used to supply the experimental station is to be rebuilt into the biggest power plant in the GDR; nothing definite is known yet about the area to be supplied by this plant. The report raises the question as to what purpose this plant is to serve, since no natural prerequisites for a power plant are found near Peenemuende. It has been ascertained, however, that many new buildings for the naval police are planned in Peenemuende.

The source then tells of two fenced-in antennas [REDACTED] by the above-named airfield. Said antennas are 4 meters high and one has 4 arms.

Binz on the island of Ruegen will be used by the Peoples' Police to house the naval police, despite previous plans to include it in the public housing construction program. The entire area is blocked off by the naval police.

The report concludes with some information on building prices, noting in particular that despite the plan to reduce building costs, prices are going up.

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